

[2 August, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

| Sl.No. | Name of the IT Company | Revenue in 2000-2001 (Rs. Crores) |
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| 18. | Tata Infotech Ltd | 334.13 |
| 19. | I-Flex Solutions Ltd | 308.29 |
| 20. | Mphasis BFL Ltd | 283.31 |

IT centres in Meghalaya

1299. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTUDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme for setting up of Information Technology centres in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the number of IT centres set up in the State during the last two years and till date; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed by Government for the purpose in the State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Information Technology has, however, undertaken a project for setting up Community Information Centres (CICs) at all the 487 block headquarters of the seven North-East States and Sikkim with a view to accelerating socio-economic development of the region.

(b) During last year, two CICs were set up in Meghalaya at sites selected by the State Government.

(c) The CIC scheme is to be implemented as a composite scheme and as such no separate allocation of expenditure has been made for any State.

Cheating of Labourers

1300. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the recruiting agencies of Indian labourers to foreign countries are cheating the labourers by violating the terms and conditions of the offered job;

(b) whether any complaints have been received in the matter so far;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government propose to impose any restriction on such agencies to avoid cheating of labourers; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (e) Sporadic complaints against recruiting agencies for violating the terms and conditions of the offered jobs, have been received. Immediate action is taken to settle the grievances of the workers by way of directions to the local agents. Indian Missions are also requested to solve the problems of the workers with the help of the foreign sponsor/Government. In the event of the local agents failing to solve the problems of workers, action is initiated to suspend/cancel their registration certificates.

Outstanding PF amount of employees of fertilizer companies

1301. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases with regard to outstanding Provident Fund amount of class IV employees of fertilizer companies situated in Delhi are pending in Central Provident Fund Office;

(b) whether contribution of employees under contract system has not been deposited by the contractors so far;

(c) if so, the cases pending during the last three years, company-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by government for speedy disposal of these cases and action against guilty contractors?